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Applicant : Schuegraf et al.
Appl. No. : 08/932,228
Filed : September 17, 1997
For : SHALLOW TRENCH
ISOLATION USING LOW
DIELECTRIC CONSTANT
INSULATOR
Examiner : Hung K. Vu

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Adeel S. Akhtar, Reg. No. 41,394

AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action on the Continued Prosecution Application mailed December 19, 2000, in the above-captioned application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment indicated below and reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 22 as shown below. A marked-up copy of the amended claim is attached on a separate paper.

22. (Amended) The integrated circuit of Claim 21, wherein the halide-doped silicon oxide has a dielectric constant of less than 3.9.

REMARKS

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected Claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	10	20	= 0 ×	\$18	= \$0
Independent Claims	2	3	= 0 ×	\$80	= \$0
If application has been amended to contain multiple dependent claim(s), then add				\$270	= \$0
Time Extension Fee					\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0

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